

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-35 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-13, 16-26 and 30-34 have been amended.

The claim amendments remove "preferably" claim references and otherwise contain editorial changes. Entry and consideration of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I with traverse.

The Examiner has asserted that groups I, II, III, and IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, although they share the special technical feature, this special technical feature does not define a contribution over the prior art because -- allegedly -- claims 1-35 are either obvious or anticipated by Ishiko-US (USPN 6,190,804), Kono (USPN 6,399,254) and Ishiko-EP (EP 923,147). Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion.

First, applicants highlight that the Examiner does not point to any teachings in Ishiko-US, Kono, or Ishiko-EP to back up the assertion that claims 1-35 are rendered obvious or anticipated. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide a reason and support for the assertion that the claims (and/or special technical feature) are obvious or anticipated by the cited art.

Second, applicants highlight that the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) indicates that the claimed invention is both novel and inventive over Ishiko-US. Applicants respectfully maintain that this indication remains true.

Each of Ishiko-US, Kono, or Ishiko-EP relate to a tetrafunctional polymer (a one four branched polymer). However, there is no teaching or suggestion in any of the cited art to have an electrolytic composition comprising one four branched polymer having a hybrid termination and another compound of the claimed types of PVDF, PVDF-HFP, PTFE, EDPM, polyvinyl alcohol, cellulose, ethylene oxide condensation products, PMMA, PAN, SiO<sub>2</sub>-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or nano TiO<sub>2</sub>. The hybrid terminations are able to crosslink and ensure stability at high voltages.


Accordingly, the cited art does no teach or suggest (alone or in combination) claims 1-35 or the special technical feature of the presently claimed invention. Accordingly, the restriction is not appropriate and is respectfully requested to be

withdrawn. Further, applicants respectfully request that if the restriction is be maintained that full support for the Examiner's assertions be provided in the Official Action.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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